
NORTH BAY VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2020

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commission

FROM: Carlos Noriega, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Ralph Rosado, Village Manager

SUBJECT: DRAFT 2020 PD Kids Summer Camp Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to memorialize our recommendation to terminate the plans we were working on this year to host an on-site summer camp program in our building. Ultimately, I concur with concerns about the current rising numbers with COVID-19 cases and that the risks of moving forward with these plans outweigh the benefits. I also understand the potential ramifications of having approximately thirty or so children, ranging from 5 to 12 years of age, in a somewhat closed environment, and the potential spread of infection that exists if one of the children contracts the virus. It is clearly obvious that when it comes to bringing a significant number of children together to participate in a program like a summer camp, the challenge of maintaining social distancing, personal hygiene, and sanitation protocols at optimal levels becomes increasingly challenging. To further support these concerns on moving forward with the planned summer camp program at this time, the Miami Herald article you sent me today reports an alarming trend with the increase of COVID-19 cases since the second phase of reopening. That news article is also supported by the June 14, 2020 Miami-Dade County Situation Report (#91), which reflects the highest single day number of COVID-19 cases reported to date.

As a result of the all aforementioned concerns, I've met with SRO Suarez and Lieutenant Jim McCready to bring them up to speed on these matters as well as the decisions made. I've further requested that they both start working on an alternate plan for a summer kid's activity program to include, virtual activities, tutoring services and possibly a few potential open space field trips/events, which would present significantly reduced risks to the children. In doing so, SRO Suarez is going to keep the interns that she has already processed and secured to participate with any new alternate summer kid's activity programming. I will present you with the new plan once I have received and approved the proposal.